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GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH

FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM AUSTRALIAN FONMIN WILLESEE'S
GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH OCT 7 WHICH DEALS WITH THE QUESTION
OF KOREA:

THERE IS ONE OTHER POLITICAL QUESTION ON THE AGENDA OF THIS
SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO REFER,
AND THAT IS THE QUESTION OF KOREA. THERE ARE TODAY TWO
GOVERNMENTS IN KOREA, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WHICH EXERCISES
AUTHORITY SOUTH OF A BORDER RUNNING ROUGHLY ALONG THE 38TH
PARALLEL, AND THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA
WHICH EXERCISES AUTHORITY NORTH OF THAT BORDER. THE AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS HAD CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SINCE ITS INCEPTION.
THOSE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS CONTINUE, AND WILL CONTINUE.
THIS YEAR THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ALSO ESTABLISHED RELATIONS
WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND HOPES THESE
WILL DEVELOP FURTHER. AUSTRALIA BELIEVES THAT ANY REALISTIC
APPROACH TO THE FUTURE OF THE WHOLE OF KOREA HAS TO PROCEED
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FROM A RECOGNITION THAT TWO SEPARATE INTITIES AT PRESENT

EXIST, EACH BEING THE LAWFUL GOVERNMENT OF THAT PART OF KOREA WHERE AT PRESENT IT EXERCISES EFFECTIVE CONTROL. THE UNIFICATION OF KOREA SHOULD BE ACHIEVED PEACEFULLY BY AGREEMENT AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE WHOLE OF KOREA THEMSELVES. THERE MUST BE NO RESORT TO FORCE TO ACHIEVE IT. PENDING UNIFICATION BY PEACEFUL MEANS, THE REALISTIC COURSE, AND THE JUST COURSE, IS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE AND DEAL WITH EACH OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN KOREA AS THE GOVERNMENT OF THAT PART OF THE COUNTRY WHICH IT AT PRESENT ADMINISTERS. NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA ARE BOTH MEMBERS OF A NUMBER OF UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. THEY SHOULD BOTH BE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ITSELF. IF THEY WERE, IT MAY BE THAT AN ATMOSPHERE WOULD RESULT IN WHICH AGREEMENT ON SOME MATTERS RELATED TO KOREAN QUESTIONS AS A WHOLE COULD BE MORE EASILY AND MORE AMICABLY ARRIVED AT THAN IN THE PRESENT CLIMATE OF MISTRUST AND ACRIMONY.
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